

REMARKS

37 CFR §1.132 Declaration

In the reply of August 20, 2003, Applicants made reference to a 37 CFR §1.132 declaration that was filed along with that response. However, a 37 CFR §1.132 declaration was not filed with that response. Applicants, herein, attach the executed 37 CFR §1.132 declaration referred to in the response filed August 20, 2003.

With the above remarks and amendments and remarks from the response of August 20, 2003, it is believed that the claims, as they now stand, define patentable subject matter such that passage of the instant invention to allowance is warranted. A Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

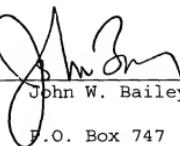
If any questions remain regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, T. Benjamin Schroeder (Reg. No. 50,990), in the Washington metropolitan area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Executed Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132